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1 - Dr. Wilhelm HÖTTL

Dr. Wilhelm HÖTTL as a representative or leading member of a US intelligence in Austria would at least still shock local authorities, and would have to face considerable difficulties. HÖTTL was a former member of an underground nazi intelligence (prior to 1938) and is known to Austrian authorities as former high ranking SD officer in Vienna. His intelligence activities in those days were centered on foreign affairs. HÖTTL's name was widely advertised by the press in connection with the 'Boerseme meeting' (June 1949). His past makes it most unlikely that Austrian authorities would dare to work with him.

2 - Dr. Karl WINCKLER

WINCKLER was another member of nazi underground intelligence prior to 1938. After this he worked for the 'Abwehr' in different German occupied territories. He claims to have cooperated with a circle of anti-nazi industrialists who allegedly were backing the abortive attempt on HITLER (July 1944). After this he is said to have joined a minor resistance group in Vienna for the benefit of which he supposedly made trips to Switzerland. His opposition to nazism has two reasons firstly by his character (he is a professional non-conformist in a political sense) secondly WINCKLER is a pupil and political follower of professor Othmar SPANN, a well known economic scientist and top-brain of a Viennese conservative but nationalistic political group. The SPANN circle collaborated with the British. After World War II WINCKLER was directly connected with British intelligence and as of 1946 also with French secret service (capitaine GALLIEN), finally he took up connections with US intelligence. When he realized that he might expect trouble from Austria's side he got closely connected with GRAF. His cover, the 'Oesterreichische Handelskontor' is a British influenced firm. His reputation is contradictory.

3 - Fritz MOLDEN

Fritz MOLDEN is the son of the well known editor of the Viennese daily 'Presse' Dr. Ernst MOLDEN a victim of racial discrimination during nazi regime. His mother Paula MOLDEN PRERAROVIĆ is a well known author. In 1948 Fritz MOLDEN married the daughter of Mr. Allan DULLES. He then became assistant press attache with the Austrian Legation in the US. With his brother Dr. Otto MOLDEN he joined the 'Quiriten' a new political and intellectual group. In Viennese political circles Fritz MOLDEN is rather disliked, he is considered too young to be as high handed and conceited as he is. Politically well informed circles who have kept an eye on Fritz MOLDEN's activities are convinced that intelligence connections have existed between Fritz MOLDEN and Dr. HÖTTL during the last months of the war. In spite of an essential and purposeful friendship existing between Fritz MOLDEN and foreign minister Dr. GRUBER the latter has repeatedly given expression to a rather poor opinion about MOLDEN. It has also been said that Morden formerly editor and now manager of the 'Presse' has used and still uses confidential material for publication.